

ARPA Healthy Homes: Helping Homeowners Replace Failed Drinking Water Wells and Septic Systems

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Do I Qualify?



Failed or inadequate water supply (well or spring), wastewater system (also called septic system, septic tank, leach field, drywell, or cesspool), or both



Residential Property Owner with a household income less than 200% MHI (~120,000/year)



Single Unit Homes OR Owner-Occupied Multi-Family Homes, up to four units

What is a failed/inadequate wastewater system?

Any of the following situations that (1) cannot be fixed by a minor repair or replacement of the system or (2) are not the result of a one-time event from which the system was able to be fixed:

- Septic contents (wastewater) backing up into a building or structure
- Septic contents (wastewater) exposed to open air
- Septic contents (wastewater) pooling on the surface of the ground
- Septic contents (wastewater) discharging directly to surface water (stream or pond)
- Septic contents (wastewater) causing a failed water supply (contamination)
- Told by a licensed designer, engineer, and/or government official that the system is failed or inadequate

What is a failed/inadequate drinking water system?

Any of the following situations that (1) cannot be fixed by a minor repair or replacement of the system or (2) are not the result of a one-time event from which the system was able to be fixed:

- There is a known source of contamination impacting the drinking water source, including a contaminated site, leaking underground storage tank, or other contamination source
- Testing has revealed contaminant levels above the acceptable standards for any of the following contaminants – arsenic, E. coli, total coliform, fluoride, lead, manganese, nitrate, nitrite, uranium, or adjusted gross alpha particle activity
- Insufficient quantity of water for the normal use of the building
- Told by a licensed designer, engineer, and/or government official that the system is failed or inadequate

Tier 1

- Households Earning Less than \$65,000 per Year
- Beneficiary Payments
- Receive 100% the reasonable cost of design and permitting, not to exceed \$5,000
- Receive 100% of the cost of construction, not to exceed \$20,000

Tier 2

- Households Earning Between \$65,000 and 200% MHI (about \$120,000) per Year
- Rebate Payments
- Receive 50% of the reasonable cost of design and permitting, not to exceed \$2,500
- Receive 50% of the cost of construction, not to exceed \$10,000

**What do I
need to fill
out an
application?**

Permit Navigator Result
Permit Navigator
(force.com)

- A free service that
offers guidance on what
permits you might need

Timeline



APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE
MARCH 4TH, 2022



APPLICATIONS DUE
APRIL 15TH, 2022



RECIPIENTS
ANNOUNCED EARLY MAY

How are applications being selected?

- Income
- Household Demographics
- Severity of Failure
- Environmental Impacts

Next Steps

- After all applications have been received, we will select the top applicants for the verification process
- If selected, you will need to verify with documentation or site visits
 - Your household income
 - Landownership
 - System Failure
- **Once this has been completed and confirmed you will be awarded beneficiary funding or a rebate!**

After you've received your beneficiary funding paperwork - Tier 1

Contact

Hire a designer/engineer and submit their paperwork

Submit/Begin Work

Submit your designer/engineer estimate and they will receive 50% of the cost estimate. You can then begin work on your failed drinking water and/or septic system.

Submit

Submit your final invoice from your designer/engineer and they will receive the remaining balance of the bill up to \$ 5,000.

Repeat this process for the contractor with a maximum payment of \$20,000.

After you've received your rebate funding paperwork - Tier 2

Contact

Hire a designer/engineer

Begin Work

Begin work on your failed drinking water and/or septic system

Submit

Submit your final invoice from your designer/engineer and receive a 50% rebate up to \$ 2,500

Repeat this process for the contractor with a maximum rebate of \$10,000

Retroactive payments

- For systems installed after March 3rd, 2021
- Submit your final invoice and receive 50% or 100% of the cost based on your income Tier

Questions?

- [ARPA HH Onsite App Instructions.pdf \(vermont.gov\)](#)
- [Application | \(https://forms.office.com/g/UPQ7DN9prR\)](https://forms.office.com/g/UPQ7DN9prR)
- [Funding to Install or Replace Water or Wastewater Systems | Agency of Natural Resources \(vermont.gov\)](#)

Contact Rosalie Sharp with questions at (802)461-7433 or Rosalie.Sharp@vermont.gov

Know someone who wants to apply but doesn't have a computer? Contact Jackie Peterson at 802-461-7128 or Jacqueline.Peterson@vermont.gov